

REMARKS

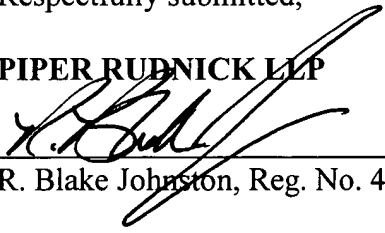
Responsive to the subject Office Action, the claim of priority in the first paragraph of the specification has been amended to state the relationship of the subject application and the parent application. In addition, the current status of the parent application has been changed to reflect its issuance as a patent. As discussed with Examiner Simone via telephone on June 29, 2004, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed with the subject application and the Filing Receipt both indicate that the subject application is a Continuation of the parent application. As a result, it is believed that no Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority is needed. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time. As indicated on the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, the Declaration filed with the subject application is a copy of the Declaration filed with the parent application.

A Terminal Disclaimer is also being provided with this Amendment to address the rejection of claims 1-20 based on Double Patenting and U.S. Patent No. 6,668,708.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the case, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be telephoned for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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